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SUBJECT: SISTER CITY PROGRAM

FOR LAGOS:

1. U.S. CITIES WHICH DESIRE NIGERIAN AFFILIATES HAVE EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION FOR SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF AMBASSADOR PALMER'S RECENT VISIT. MAYOR JACKSON OF ATLANTA ISSUED INVITATION TO LAGOS ADDRESSED TO COLONEL D.K. SHO-SILVA ON NOV. 26, 1974. COPY HAS BEEN POUCHED.

2. DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ISSUING INVITATION TO BENIN CITY VERY NEAR FUTURE. S.C.I. IS EXPLORING POSSIBLE FURTHER NORTH CAROLINA AFFILIATES FOR ENUGU AND NSUKKA. SCI ALSO PURSUING OTHER POSSIBLE U.S. AFFILIATES FOR ABEOKUTA AND KANO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A. THAT CAO PETERS CONFIRM RECEIPT
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BY COLONEL SHO-SILVA OF ATLANTA INVITATION. B. THAT CAO PETERS ALSO CONTACT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN BENIN AND

RELAY REGRET OF AMBASSADOR PALMER THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO VISIT BENIN AND THEN INFORM THEM THAT AMBASSADOR PALMER PERSONALLY HOPES THAT THEY WILL GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A U.S. SISTER CITY. IF WE CAN GET INDICATION OF INTEREST FROM BENIN, THAT WILL

HELP IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREENSBORO.

FOR IBADAN:

ACTION REQUESTED; THAT P.O. BARR CONFIRM THROUGH DR. ASSEZ OR DIRECTLY WITH IFE AUTHORITIES RECEIPT OF AFFILIATION INVITATION FROM OBERLIN, OHIO AND ADVISE THEIR REACTION.

FOR KADUNA:

ACTION REQUESTED: THAT P.O. TRAIL INFORM CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR MUHAMMED THAT BOTH LOUISVILLE AND COMPTON ARE READY RESPOND WITH AFFILIATION INVITATION. SCI NOW NEEDS TO KNOW KADUNA'S PREFERENCE. PLEASE INQUIRE WHETHER MR. MUHAMMED WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE AFFILIATE FOR U.S. CITY NOT CHOSEN BY KADUNA AND INFORM AUTHORITIES OF THAT CITY OF HIS IMPRESSION GAINED DURING VISIT AMERICAN CITY. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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